

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The South Dakota State Historical Society is celebrating the return of the Great Sioux Horse Effigy from its international tour as part of *The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky* exhibition; and,

*Whereas*, The Great Sioux Horse Effigy was viewed by over 400,000 people at the musee du quai Branly in Paris, at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City; and,

*Whereas*, The Great Sioux Horse Effigy is an iconic artifact that has gained world-wide acclaim as one of the great pieces of sculpture known to have been produced by Plains Indian people; and,

*Whereas*, The Great Sioux Horse Effigy is believed to have been carved by Hunkpapa Lakota leader Joseph No Two Horns of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and later donated to the State Historical Society by missionary Mary C. Collins; and,

*Whereas*, The South Dakota State Historical Society has borrowed horse effigies from the National Museum of the American Indian and the State Historical Society of North Dakota to enhance a new exhibit with the Great Sioux Horse Effigy to help tell the story of horse memorials on the plains while addressing the mystery surrounding the origins of the Great Sioux Horse Effigy; and,

*Whereas*, The South Dakota State Historical Society celebrates South Dakota's American Indian history with programs, lectures, presentations, performances, and demonstrations during its return of the effigy celebration; and,


*Whereas*, The great state of South Dakota honors and celebrates American Indian heritage on this observance of Native American Day:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2015, as


## ***GREAT SIOUX HORSE EFFIGY DAY***

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State

